REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on October 22, 2003. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejects:

- Claims 24, 3-4, 29, 14-15, 19-20, 25, 27, and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,125,371 to Bohannon et al *("Bohannon")* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,523,166 to Dettelbach et al *("Dettelbach")*;

- Claims 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bohannon* and *Dettelbach*, further in view of Official Notice; and

- Claims 26, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Bohannon* in view of *Dettelbach*, further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,512 to Barney (*"Barney"*).

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and all assertions and holdings therein. Specifically, Applicants respectfully traverse the Official Notice as to Claim 16 and request the Examiner to come forward with evidence that support the rejection relying on Official Notice. Moreover, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn at least because *Bohannon* and *Dettlebach*, whether individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach, or suggest "the server ... receiving from the service provider a second reservation record relating to the first type of record, the second reservation record comprising at least a portion of the travel attributes associated with the first reservation record and a second version number different from the first version number, the travel attributes arranged in a second record format different from the first record format" as recited, in part, in independent Claim 24 and similarly in independent Claims 26 and 29.

In contrast, the cited portions of *Bohannon* provide a system that receives an update transaction to a record, locks the record to be updated, creates a copy of the record to be updated, and updates the copy based on the update transaction. *See Bohannon*, Abstract; *id*. at FIGURE 1; *id*. at 5:7-19. In other words, the system in *Bohannon* is updating an already existing record, not "receiving from the service provider a second reservation record relating

to the first type of record" as recited in Claim 24. Yet the Office Action appears to incorrectly equate this update transaction with "a second reservation record" as recited in Claim 24. *See* Office Action, p. 3. *Bohannon* does not support this interpretation. For example, *Bohannon* discloses that the update transaction "is a transaction that 'updates' data records or, *more broadly, wants access to a current version of a particular data record.*" *Bohannon*, 4:12:14 (emphasis added). *Bohannon* then discloses that "[w]hen an update transaction, T, is executed, it most often *updates a given data record* – a 'current' version of the data record is archived, becoming a most recent 'past' version thereof, and the newly updated version becomes the new 'current' (or successor) version of the same." *Id.*, 4:14-19 (emphasis added). Indeed, *Bohannon* teaches that "[i]f the transaction is an update transaction, ... then versioning controller 115 (1) *obtains a 'X' lock on one or more data records to be modified.*" *Id.*, 5:7-10 (emphasis added). In short, *Bohannon* teaches that the update transaction is a transaction that <u>locks</u>, <u>accesses</u>, and <u>updates</u> the current record; it is not a "second record" within the scope of *Bohannon*.[1] Accordingly, *Bohannon* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest "receiving from the service provider a second reservation record relating to the first type of record, the second reservation record comprising at least a portion of the travel attributes associated with the first reservation record and a second version number different from the first version number, the travel attributes arranged in a second record format different from the first record format" as recited, in part, in independent Claim 24 and similarly in independent Claims 26 and 29.

Next, the Office Action (correctly) states that *Bohannon* "does not expressly disclose that the *formats from the service provider contain different file types with travel attributes arranged in different formats.*" Office Action, p. 3 (emphasis added). While Applicants agree with this assertion, it is irrelevant whether *Bohannon* teaches receiving formats containing different file types because this fails to address "receiving from a service provider a first reservation record relating to a first type of record" and "receiving from the service provider a second reservation record relating to the first type of record" as recited by Claim 24. The Office Action then asserts that *Dettlebach* makes up for *Bohannon*'s stated deficiency by teaching that "information from a single service provider *contains a plurality of*

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[1]   Nor can the copy of the current record in *Bohannon* be properly equated with "a second reservation record relating to the first type of record" as recited, in part, in Claim 24. *Bohannon* teaches that the copy of the current record is created by the system and is not received "from the service provider" as recited, in part, in Claim 24.

reservation file types with travel attributes arranged in different formats." Office Action, p. 4 (emphasis added). This is similarly irrelevant. For example, the Office Action cites column 4, line 41 through column 6, line 15 of *Dettlebach* for support. This cited portion likewise fails to address "receiving from a service provider a first reservation record relating to a first type of record" and "receiving from the service provider a second reservation record relating to the first type of record" as recited by Claim 24. Indeed, as detailed in prior Responses, this portion of *Dettlebach* specifies the precise format for each record type including Begin Reservation, End Reservation, Customer Data, Air Travel Reservation Data, Transportation Rental Data, Hotel Booking Data, and Travel Data Code. *See Dettelbach*, 4:61-5:59; *see also id.*, FIGURE 4. In other words, the Office Action fails to address "receiving from the service provider a second reservation record relating to the first type of record, the second reservation record comprising at least a portion of the travel attributes associated with the first reservation record and a second version number different from the first version number, the travel attributes arranged in a second record format different from the first record format" as recited in Claim 24 and similarly in independent Claims 26 and 29.

For at least these reasons, the *Bohannon-Dettlebach* combination fails to disclose, teach, or suggest various limitations of independent Claims 24, 26, and 29. *Barney* fails to account for the deficiencies of the *Bohannon-Dettlebach* combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of independent Claims 24, 26, and 29 and all claims depending therefrom.
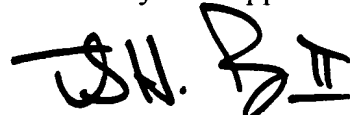
CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-0765 of Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

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